

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for treating primary biliary cirrhosis ~~or bile duct disappearance syndrome~~ caused by an immunological mechanism **which comprises** ~~comprising~~ the step of administering ~~a Fas-antagonist~~ **an anti-Fas ligand antibody** to a patient in need thereof, and inhibiting apoptosis mediated by Fas, **wherein the anti-Fas ligand antibody suppresses binding between Fas and Fas ligand.**

9-16. (cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~preventing and~~ treating bile duct disappearance syndrome **caused by an immunological mechanism** which comprises the step of administering ~~a Fas-antagonist~~ **an anti-Fas ligand antibody** to a patient in need thereof and inhibiting apoptosis mediated by Fas, **wherein the anti-Fas ligand antibody suppresses binding between Fas and Fas ligand.**

18. (cancelled)